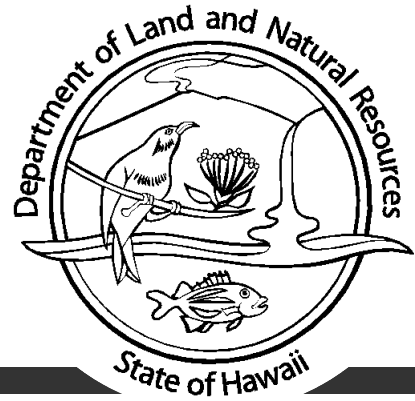


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## DLNR HOLDS PUBLIC HEARING ON CONSERVATION DISTRICT USE APPLICATION FOR HANAUMA BAY PROJECT

The Board of Land and Natural Resources will hold a public hearing on Thursday, January 27 at 6 p.m. in the DLNR Kalanimoku Building board room, at 1151 Punchbowl St., room 132, to receive testimony on a conservation district use application (CDUA) by the City and County of Honolulu for improvements to the Hanauma Bay Nature Preserve. The City and County is proposing to build a new marine education center and snack bar, as part of the improvements, and to demolish existing buildings and structures at the former Hawai'i Job Corps Center at the park.

The City Council approved a shoreline management area permit for this project on Nov. 10, 1999. The project final environmental impact statement (FEIS) was accepted by the county and published in the state Office of Environmental Quality Control Environmental Notice on Aug. 23, 1999.

The City has now submitted a conservation district use application (CDUA) for approval by the Board of Land and Natural Resources. Copies of the CDUA have been distributed by DLNR for comment to various state and county agencies, including all divisions within DLNR, and to the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Dept. of Health, Board of Water Supply, the Hawai'i-Kai Neighborhood Board, for example.

Processing of the CDUA includes a public hearing so that additional written and oral comments may be received from the community, special interest groups and individuals. The public hearing on Jan. 27 is only to receive public testimony. It will not include decision-making, which will take place at a later meeting of the Board of Land and Natural Resources.

Information concerning the application and project, and maps of the general area under consideration are on file for inspection at the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Land Division, 1151 Punchbowl St., room 220, in Honolulu. Call 587-0377 for more information. A copy of the CDUA and final environmental impact statement (EIS) are available for review at the DLNR Land Division office, Kalanimoku Building room 220, at 1151 Punchbowl St. Persons wishing to review the file must make an appointment by calling staff planner Ed Henry at 587-0377.

Any person may sign up to testify or present information on the application at the hearing. **Testimony will also be received in writing before 4:30 p.m., February 4, 2000 at the DLNR Land Division.** A person with a legal interest that may be adversely affected by this application may request an administrative contested case hearing. However, this request must be made either orally or in writing by the close of this public hearing, and a written petition for a contested case hearing must be filed within 10 days after the date of this public hearing. Anyone who does not make such a request, or fails to file a timely written petition with the Department of Land and Natural Resources, will be precluded from later obtaining a contested case hearing, and seeking judicial review of the adverse decision without a contested case hearing.

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